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- (d) The question of providing funds for the execution of the scheme will be considered as soon as the scheme is ready for execution.
- (e) No such promise has been made.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Constitution of Districts, Divisions and Taluks

Addition of the Podili and Darsi divisions of Nellore to the Guntur district.

883 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) why the proposal to add the Podili and Darsi divisions of Nellore to Guntur district was abandoned by the Government; and

(b) whether in view of the great inaccessibility of these parts from Nellore and Kandukur headquarters, the Government will be pleased to reconsider the desirability of joining them to Ongole and Narasaraopet divisions of Guntur district now?

A.—(a) The proposal was originally made as a measure of economy and was abandoned as it was found that there would be no saving and as objections to the transfer were raised by the residents of the divisions and the authorities consulted.

(b) The Government have no reason to believe that the fact is as alleged and do not propose to reopen the question.

Court of Wards

Sale of certain lands in Veniamangalam and Aharam villages in Arni Jaghir.

884 Q.—MR. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Estate Collector of North Arcot has ordered the sale of lands extending to 45 cawnies in Veniamangalam and Aharam villages in Arni Jaghir in North Arcot district by transferring them from 'poramboke' to 'assessed waste';

(b) whether it is a fact that these lands were granted by the Jaghirdar to the villages in No. 683 as pasture poramboke specially for the purpose of cattle-grazing;

(c) whether it is a fact that the people objected to this proposed sale; and

(d) whether Government will be pleased to enquire into the matter?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no knowledge of the case referred to.

(d) The Government do not propose to take the action suggested by the hon. Member. The administration of the Arni Jaghir is under the control of the Court of Wards to whom any person considering himself aggrieved by any action of the Estate Collector should appeal.

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Famine*Proposed expenditure on famine-relief works in the Kistna district.*

885 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the lack of seasonal rainfall in Kistna district; if not, whether they will be pleased to call for the information; and

(b) what is the amount that the Government propose to spend on famine-relief works in this district?

A.—(a) The Government have perused the Madras Daily Weather Reports and the Weekly Season Reports. They have no reason to think that there has been any lack of seasonal rainfall in the Kistna district.

(b) The Government have no reason to think that famine conditions exist in the Kistna district and do not anticipate any expenditure on relief works in that district.

Irrigation (Water-rate)*Rent paid by the Tinnevelly Mills, Limited.*

886 Q.—Mr. Chavadi K. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to clause (d) of question No. 839 answered on 31st March 1927—

(a) how and on what basis the rent hitherto paid by the Tinnevelly Mills, Limited, for the water power used by the Mills was arrived at;

(b) whether the contract is to be renewed;

(c) whether the Government will make the necessary inquiries before renewing the contract regarding the saving effected to the Mills by the power produced by the Papanasam water over the cost of the same quantity of power produced with any other kind of power producer;

(d) what is the rent paid in 1925–26 and 1926–27 by the mills;

(e) whether the Government called for the balance sheets and statements of profit and loss accounts of the Mills for the last ten years and whether it has any intention of so calling for them before renewing the contract;

(f) in view of the large profits now being earned by the company and of the general increase in prices since the last contract, whether the Government has any intention of revising the rent and increasing it, and, if so, by how much does the Government mean to raise the rent;

(g) whether the Government has received any representations about, or is otherwise aware of, the difficulties of students who have passed their theoretical course in India in mechanical engineering and in textile arts in getting admission into factories for practical training; and

(h) whether, at any rate, in view of those difficulties, the Government has considered the necessity of inserting a term in the contract that the company should take at a time some apprentices, say six at a time for undergoing practical training, three for mechanical engineering and three for training in spinning and weaving, etc., without salary to the students and without fees to the company?

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4.—(a) The rent hitherto payable was Rs. 7,500 a year subject to an increase of rent at the rate of 7 annas 3 pies per spindle in excess of 16,544.

(b) & (c) The Government have passed orders sanctioning the renewal of the lease.

(d) —

Year.	Amount of rent paid.		
	RS.	A.	P.
1925-26	...	...	...
1926-27	...	...	...

(e) When renewing the lease, the Government had before them particulars of the dividends paid by the company from 1917 to 1926.

(f) The rent hitherto paid amounted to 7 annas 3 pies per spindle subject to a minimum of Rs. 7,500 per annum. The revised rent has been fixed at 12 annas per spindle subject to a minimum of Rs. 24,000 per annum.

(g) & (h) The Government have received no such representations.

Land Revenue

Assignment of a certain piece of land in Velliyur village to Mr. K. Gopal Nayudu.

887 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether a piece of land of the extent of about 40-cents in No. 109, Velliyur village in Tiruvallur taluk in Chingleput district has been assigned by the Government to one Mr. K. Gopal Nayudu;

(b) whether it is a fact that the villagers have sent a memorial to the Divisional officer objecting to the assignment;

(c) whether the villagers have stated in their memorial that the land in question was being used as a public pond; and

(d) what were the particular circumstances which have induced the Government to make the assignment in spite of protests from the villagers?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no knowledge or information about this case. Presumably the assignment, if ordered, was ordered by the Tahsildar under the ordinary rules for the assignment of land.

Minor Irrigation

Expenditure under minor irrigation in East Godavari.

888 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of land cultivated wet under minor irrigation in East Godavari in 1905-06, 1915-16 and 1925-26;

(b) the total capital expenditure under minor irrigation in East Godavari in 1905-06, 1915-16 and 1925-26; and

(c) the amount likely to be required to complete the minor irrigation works in East Godavari?

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- A.—(a) The Government have not the information : and it could not be compiled without reference to old acccunts, involving the expenditure of considerable time and labour.
- (b) Capital and Revenue accounts are not maintained for minor irrigation works. The total expenditure on such works in East Godavari in 1905-06, 1915-16 and 1925-26 was Rs. 26,231, 16,730 and 19,903 respectively.
- (c) If the hon. Member means the amount likely to be required to complete all the repairs and improvements which are necessary to the minor irrigation works in the district, the Government have not the information required for making an estimate of the amount.

Action taken on the petition regarding Tamarai madugu.

889 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether any and, if so, what action has been taken on the petition dated 31st January 1927 submitted to the Secretary, Land Revenue and Settlement, by the ryots of No. 126. Movur village, Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district, requesting therein the grant of immediate relief in respect of the Tamarai madugu referred to in question No. 296 answered on 15th March 1927?

A.—The only action required to put the Tamarai madugu in an efficient condition is silt clearance. The question of silt clearance is being considered by the local officers. The Government have asked for a report as to the action taken.

Settlement

Dates of introduction and expiry of Land Revenue settlements in the various districts of the Presidency.

890 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) in which year or years the existing Land Revenue settlements were introduced in the various districts in the Presidency ; and
- (b) in which year or years those settlements will expire ?

A.—The calendar ^a of Land Revenue settlements corrected up to 30th June 1927 is laid on the table of the House.

Jails

Report regarding prisoners in this Presidency.

891 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state, with reference to question No. 682, answered on 30th March 1927, regarding prisoners in this Presidency—

- (a) whether the information called for has been received ; and
- (b) if so, whether it will be placed on the Council table ?

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A.—(a) Yes.

• (b) The information is given below :—
Question No. 682—

(a) Four hundred and sixty-four persons convicted of offences under chapter VI, Indian Penal Code, are confined in the jails of this Presidency. No prisoners sentenced to imprisonment under section 153-A, Indian Penal Code, or for failure to give security against commission of the above offences, are confined therein.

(b) Six of them are natives of other provinces.

(c) & (d) There are no prisoners who have completed their terms but have not been released for want of consent on the part of the local Governments of other provinces.

Forests

Orders on the Chief Conservator's report.

892 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state, with reference to the answer to question No. 430 given on 21st March 1927—

(a) whether Government have passed final orders on the report of the Chief Conservator of Forests; and

(b) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay the same on the table of this House?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have not yet passed final orders on the Chief Conservator's report referred to. The Government are awaiting a further report from the Chief Conservator.

Scarcity of fodder for cattle in the North Arcot district.

893 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that owing to want of rains fodder for cattle is not available in most reserved forests in the North Arcot district;

(b) whether it is a fact that large areas are closed against grazing in each forest and these are designated 'coupe' areas;

(c) how long these coupe areas have been closed against grazing; and

(d) whether, owing to the prevailing scarcity of fodder, he proposes to open these areas for grazing, excepting coupes of three years, as an urgent relief measure?

A.—A report has been called for.

List of villages in the Forest districts of Kurnool.

894 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: With reference to the reply to my question No. 81 regarding list of villages in the Forest districts of Kurnool answered on 23rd August 1927, that the Government had called for information, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to place the same on the table of the House?

A.—Information asked for in Legislative Council question No. 81 is appended.

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Supply of timber from the Nallamalais of Kurnool district.

895 Q.—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) when the operations were first commenced in the Nallamalais of Kurnool district to supply timber to the surrounding country;

(b) what the gain or loss is in each year since the operations were commenced; and

(c) the cost of supervising staff, the value of the timber produced in each year, and value of timber sold?

A.—(a) The timber operations were first commenced about the year 1858.

(b) & (c) A statement^a giving the information for the last ten years is appended.

Gazettes*Annual subscription and number of subscribers to the "Fort St. George Gazette".*

896 Q.—MR. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the annual subscription for the *Fort St. George Gazette* and the annual subscription for the district gazettes;

(b) the number of paying subscribers for the *Fort St. George Gazette*; and

(c) whether the Government are prepared to reduce the annual subscription for the *Fort St. George Gazette* to gain greater circulation and make it more easily available to the public?

A.—(a)—

Annual subscription for the <i>Fort St. George Gazette.</i>	Annual subscription for the District Gazette.	RS.	A.	P.
The full gazette and all supplements with vernacular supplements in one language only, R. 25 (Postage, Inland, Rs. 6).	The full gazette, English edition only.	2	0	0
The gazette only, Rs. 13 (Postage, Inland, Rs. 4).	The full gazette, vernacular editions, each language separately, except for Bellary—Kanarese.	1	8	0
Part I with supplements, Rs. 10 (Postage, Inland, Rs. 4).	The full gazette, Kanarese edition in Bellary.	0	6	0
Part I-A with supplements, Rs. 4 (Postage, Inland, Rs. 2).	Village Supplement or other supplements, English, each.	0	8	0
Part I-B with supplements, Rs. 10 (Postage, Inland, Rs. 4).	Village Supplement or other supplements, vernacular, each supplement in one language.	0	6	0
Part II with supplements, Rs. 10 (Postage, Inland, Rs. 4).				
Part III with vernacular supplements in one language only, Rs. 2 (Postage, Inland, Re. 1).				
Part IV with vernacular supplements in one language only, Rs. 4 (Postage Re. 1).				

Note 1.—Electoral Rolls of the Council of State, Legislative Assembly and Madras Legislative Council which are issued as supplements to the *Fort St. George Gazette* or District Gazettes are not included in the ordinary subscription rates.

Note 2.—Subscribers to the full District Gazettes receive all supplements in the language subscribed for including the proceedings of local bodies printed at private presses.

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(b)—

Portions of the Fort St. George Gazette.	Number of paying public subscribers.
Full Gazette	410
Part I only	16
Part I-A only	184
Part I-B only	386
Part II only	9
Part III only	64
Part IV only	61

- (c) The Government do not consider that a reduction in the subscription would result in a greater circulation.

Civil Justice

Proposals to ameliorate the condition of copyists in the Civil Courts.

897 Q.—MR. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether a minimum monthly salary of Rs. 20 during the vacation is the only benefit that the copyists in the Civil Courts have derived under the amended rules relating to the grant of allowance to them;

(b) what the recommendation of the High Court was in the matter of amending these rules; and

(c) whether the Government propose to do anything further in the matter?

A.—(a) In practice the minimum vacation pay of Rs. 20 is all the benefit that has accrued, as copyists always earn more than Rs. 20 a month.

(b) The High Court recommended an increase of the minimum pay from Rs. 14-8-0 to Rs. 20 a month.

(c) Nothing.

Courts of Civil Justice in West Godavari district.

898 Q.—MR. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many Subordinate Judges' Courts are now working in West Godavari district;

(b) what are the local limits of the jurisdiction of each of the said Courts; and

(c) what is the number of original suits and of appeal suits instituted in each of the Subordinate Judges' Courts and in the District Court, West Godavari, from the time the present local jurisdiction arrangements came into force; and

(d) how many of those original and appeal suits relate to the different territorial areas of the several district munsifs comprised in the local jurisdiction of each of the said Courts?

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A.—(a) Two.

(b) (1) Subordinate Judge's Court, Ellore, Original jurisdiction over the Kovvur and Bhimavaram Munsifs, and (2) Subordinate Judge's Court, Narasapur, Original jurisdiction over the Tanuku and Narasapur Munsifs.

(c) A statement ^a is appended.

(d) The information has been called for from the High Court.

Irrigation

Improvement in the Kistna delta irrigation due to the 6 feet falling shutters on the Bezwada anicut.

899 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what improvement has been effected in the Kistna delta irrigation by the installation in 1925 of 6 feet falling shutters on the Bezwada anicut?

A.—The Government cannot state at present what improvement has been effected. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1211 put at the meeting of the 8th February 1926. The third season for the trial of the working of the shutters will be over with this year's irrigation season.

Inclusion of the Gundlakamma wet scheme in the Kistna project.

900 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU : With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 540 I., dated 28th November 1916, abandoning the Gundlakamma project, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons for not including this scheme in the modified Kistna reservoir project in 1908; and

(b) whether since Government have decided to abandon the Gundlakamma project in 1916 they will consider the feasibility of including the Gundlakamma wet scheme in the Kistna project now?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 786.

Gauge readings of the Musi river.

901 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU : With reference to the answer to my question No. 332, answered on 27th August 1927, regarding gauge readings of the Musi river, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to furnish the information called for therein now?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 787.

Details regarding the Pangulur-Janakavaram project in Ongole taluk.

902 Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the details of the investigation of the Pangulur-Janakavaram project in Ongole taluk mentioned by Colonel Smart before the Irrigation Committee;

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(b) what is the estimated cost, ayacut, revenue and percentage return on this project; and

(c) when this work was last examined and when and for what reasons it was abandoned?

A.—The Government have no information but have called for a report.

Repairs to the dam, Iringal Chiva in Calicut taluk across Mampuzha river.

903 Q.—MR. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a dam called Iringal Chiva in Calicut taluk across Mampuzha river to prevent ingress of salt water into paddy lands in Olavanna, Peravanna and other amsams in Calicut taluk;

(b) whether the inhabitants of the said amsams have sent petitions and memorials to the Collector of Malabar that considerable damage has been caused to the paddy crops in the said amsams on account of the failure to repair and renew the said dam, and whether any action has been taken on those petitions; and

(c) whether the Government are prepared to consider favourably the said grievances of the ryots and put up the dam?

A.—The Government have no information on the matter.

Proposals to ensure adequate water-supply to the mamul wet lands in the tail-end of the Kakarlamudi channel, Godavari Western Delta.

904 Q.—MR. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what is the extent of mamul wet land irrigable by the tail-end portion of the Kakarlamudi channel, Godavari Western Delta;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said channel passes through a depression in its middle reach and that it is therefore difficult to take water to the tail end;

(c) whether it is a fact that, to obviate all difficulties of water-supply to the tail-end lands, proposals to alter the course of the channel were submitted in or about the years 1915 and 1924 by the subdivisional officers concerned;

(d) if the answer to (c) be in the affirmative, what action was taken with reference to those proposals; and

(e) what steps are being taken by the Government to ensure proper water-supply to the mamul wet lands included in the tail-end reach of the channel in question?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mahazar regarding Pothanur project.

905 Q.—MR. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any mahazar from the ryots of Dosapadu and Pothanur villages, Ellore taluk, West Godavari district, regarding Pothanur project; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

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- A.—(a) & (b) A petition was received and was transferred to the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) for disposal. An estimate for the Rothanur project has since been submitted by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) and is under consideration.

Silt clearance of major irrigation channels in Tanjore delta.

906 Q.—MR. SYED TAJUDIN : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(a) to lay on the table G.O. No. 351, Public Works (Irrigation) Department of 1913 regarding the silt clearance of all major irrigation channels of the Tanjore delta at the sole cost of Government and subsequent correspondence and orders passed by them till 1925; and

(b) to state whether it is a fact that a list of such channels reserved for silt clearance by Government was published in the Village Sheet of the District Gazette in 1916 and if so, whether the Government will be pleased to call for such a list from the Collector and lay it on the table?

A.—(a) A copy of G.O. No. 351 I., dated 19th June 1913, is laid on the table.* No subsequent Government Orders have been issued on the subject. The Chief Engineer (Irrigation) however took up the question with reference to paragraph 1 of the Government Order and approved the proposal of the Superintending Engineer of the late VII Circle to take up in the first instance the improvement of channels having an ayacut of 2,000 acres in the Cauvery division. In regard to channels in the Vennar division the Superintending Engineer was asked by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) to collect detailed information regarding levels, etc., channel by channel, so that each channel might be dealt with on its merits. The Chief Engineer (Irrigation) has made a reference to the Superintending Engineer as to what was done further in the matter and his final report is awaited.

(b) No list of channels to be repaired by the Government was published so far as is known. What was published in Village Sheet No. 9, dated 15th May 1916, was a list of all channels with their correct numbers and names to assist petitioners in making their representations. The Collector of Tanjore reported to the Board in 1917 that all channels were cleared of silt by the villagers concerned.

Inclusion of waste lands in the ayacut of the Kistna delta.

907 Q.—THE ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the action taken by him on the representations made to him by some of the ryots of Kistna delta about (1) forming a high-flood channel from Mulapadu via Konda Naionavaram, Purushothapatnam, Remalle, etc., and (2) including in the ayacut the lands that are now lying waste amidst the swamps of the rice fields which are included in the ayacut?

* Separately laid on the table.

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- A.—(1) Representations were received in the form of resolutions passed by the Kistna Non-deltaic Agricultural Improving Association in May 1927 urging the excavation of the high level channel but such a channel is impracticable in the opinion of the local officers of the Public Works Department
(2) The resolutions do not deal with this question.

Police

Reduction of the number of posts of the Malabar Special Police.

908 Q.—MR. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received the reports of the District Magistrate and the Inspector-General of Police referred to in the answer to question No. 357 answered on 27th August 1927, about the proposal to reduce the number of posts among which the Malabar Special Police are at present distributed;

(b) if so, what are the stations that are going to be abolished and what are the places at which the police are going to be stationed in future; and

(c) what the estimated expenditure for carrying out the present proposals is?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The proposals are under consideration.

Public Works

Sale of Government Orders passed by the Public Works Department to the public.

909 Q.—THE ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to make available for sale all the Government Orders passed in the Department of Public Works; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for not publishing them either wholly or in part?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Such papers as are likely to be of public interest are placed on Editors' Table and made available for sale.

Weather reports

Weather reports for Guntur and Nalgiris districts.

910 Q.—DIWAN BAHADUR P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) what it costs each district to send weather reports that are published daily in all the daily papers;

(b) why the weather reports of Guntur and Ootacamund are not published;

(c) what is the saving to Government by cutting out the weather reports of these two districts; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to order the publication of weather reports of Guntur and Nilgiris districts also at least in future?

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A.—(a) & (c) The Government have no information.

(b) The weather reports were discontinued by the Government of India as a measure of retrenchment.

(d) The issue of daily weather reports is under the control of the Government of India.

Education

Alleged anomaly of seniors in the Subordinate Educational Service getting less pay than their juniors.

911 Q.—Mr. A. V. BHANOJI RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that certain officers of the Subordinate Educational Service who were appointed in 1922, 1923 and 1924 are drawing lesser rates of pay than their juniors in service by years, because they happened to be posted to places carrying a fixed minimum of Rs. 75 and kept there for years together without being taken into regular cadre due to the exigencies of service?

A.—Yes.

The question refers to Licentiate School Assistants. The bulk of the officers are included in a Presidency cadre to which a time-scale of pay applies. There are, however, a few temporary appointments either due to the fact that the schools to which they are attached are on a temporary footing or because additions to the cadre are themselves provisional. Such temporary posts have not been admitted to time-scales of pay and a few of them carry only a fixed pay of Rs. 75 a month. The permanent posts being in a Presidency cadre, vacancies therein have to be filled with reference to the subject and the language area in which the vacancy concerned occurs. The claims of the incumbents of temporary posts could not be considered in filling such vacancies in cases where they did not possess the requisite subject or linguistic qualifications.

Increase in the pay of teachers employed under local boards and aided schools.

912 Q.—Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether since he took up office there has been an improvement in the condition, or an increase in the pay, of the teachers employed in the elementary schools under local boards and also aided schools;

(b) if so, in what manner and to what extent; and

(c) whether the Government will consider the desirability of utilizing a portion of the education cess that the local boards collect for increasing the pay of the teachers serving under the boards?

A.—(a) & (b) No. The hon. Member is, however, referred to the answer given to question No. 278 at the meeting of the Council held on 27th August 1927.

(c) At present the proceeds of the education tax and the equivalent Government contribution are primarily intended for the expansion of elementary education and the opening of new elementary schools and should not ordinarily be utilized on the

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maintenance of existing schools or the revision of the pay of teachers in those schools. The question whether the proceeds of the cess should not also be utilized for raising the pay of the teachers in elementary schools will be considered.

Election of the representatives of non-teacher managers to the Madras District Educational Council.

913 Q.—Rao Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the managers of aided educational institutions in the City of Madras other than teachers have been given the right to elect three representatives to the Madras District Educational Council by the Government acting under section 5, sub-section (6), of the Madras Elementary Education Act;

(b) with whom the correspondence was carried by the Government regarding the necessity for giving these rights of representation to non-teacher managers of schools;

(c) the date of the Government Order sanctioning the right to elect three members by the Madras non-teacher managers;

(d) the date on which the notification regarding the same appeared in the *Port St. George Gazette*;

(e) whether the Government have received any petition from any of the non-teacher managers questioning the validity of the election held by their association to return three representatives to the Educational Council;

(f) whether it is a fact that notice for the meeting to elect these representatives was dated the 1st April, a day before the order of the Government was passed giving the right of representation;

(g) whether the meeting was held on the 11th April, a day before the notification appeared in the *Port St. George Gazette*;

(h) what orders have been passed by the Government on this petition and when were such orders passed; and

(i) whether it is a fact that private copies of the order referred to in clause (c) was given to Dr. Swaminathan and that he was assured before the actual order of the Government that such right of representation would be given and that he might proceed with the election?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The President, District Educational Council, Madras.

(c) 2nd April 1927.

(d) 12th April 1927.

(e) Yes.

(f) It is understood that a notice was issued on 4th April 1927.

(g) Yes.

(h) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to notification No 474, dated 20th September 1927, published on page 478 of Part I-B of the *Port St. George Gazette*, dated 27th September 1927.

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Local Boards

Removal of the office of the Union Board, Jandrapett, Bapatla taluk, to a Siva temple.

914 Q.—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the office of the Union Board, Jandrapett, Bapatla taluk, Guntur district, has been removed to a Siva temple ;

(b) whether it is a fact that certain castes find it inconvenient to go freely into the office on business ;

(c) whether the President of the District Board was informed of this inconvenience ;

(d) whether an explanation was called for from the Jandrapett Union Board ; and

(e) if the explanation has been given, what it is ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Buildings

Rent of the Vakils' Chambers.

915 Q.—Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) when it was communicated to the occupants of Vakils' Chambers attached to civil courts that G.O. No. 2026, dated 23rd December 1926, was applicable to the Vakils' Chambers also ;

(b) whether rent at the higher rate is being levied from the occupants of those chambers from a date long prior to such communication ; and

(c) whether Government will consider the desirability of giving up their claims to such higher rate of rent during the period anterior to the date of such communication ?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government do not know.

(c) The orders in the Government Order have effect only from the date of the Government Order and the Government do not think that any concession is required.

Industries

Different aspects of the sandalwood industry.

916 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what different aspects of the sandalwood industry the Government are considering ; and

(b) whether Government have arrived at any decision with regard to these aspects ?

A.—(a) & (b) The question of ensuring an adequate supply of sandalwood to factory at Kuppam is under the consideration of Government.

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Public Works Department

Alleged anomaly in the Public Works Department establishment list.

917 Q.—Mr. SYED TAJUDIN: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that during the retrenchment of the D.P.W. overseers in 1922, some temporary overseers under the Chief Engineer's orders were ousted and subsequently reinstated as acting vacancies arose;

(b) whether it is a fact that two overseers of the Waltair Circle were ousted similarly;

(c) whether such overseers who were once ousted and reappointed as acting vacancies arose are juniors to those who have been continuously working as temporary overseers;

(d) whether in the preparation of the annual establishment list such men are shown below those who are holding continuously temporary posts;

(e) whether the overseers of the Waltair Circle ousted in retrenchment of 1922 and after some time reappointed were shown in the establishment list of 1926 as seniors to those who have been holding temporary posts continuously though they were shown as juniors to them in the list—1924; and

(f) whether the Government will be pleased to consider the desirability of investigating into this anomaly and revise the establishment list?

A.—(a) & (b) Thirty-four temporary sub-overseers were discharged.

(c) They were considered junior to those who were retained in service.

(d) Yes.

(e) The seniority list of 1924 was prepared after the retrenchment of 1922 and 1923.

In 1926 some of the overseers represented to the Superintending Engineer their grievances regarding their position in the seniority list of 1924 according to which an overseer of ten years standing was ranked separately in the list of acting men, while those of three to six years were shown above him in the temporary list. On a perusal of the records he ordered the revision of the list so far as the temporary and acting men were concerned, taking into account the aggregate service condoning individual breaks of three months and less and not the service after retrenchment, observing that if this was not done it might well be that a man would have to finish all his service as a temporary or acting man.

(f) The Government do not think that further inquiry is called for.

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[Note.—An asterisk * at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN RE THE ALLOTMENT OF DAYS FOR NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

11-45
a.m.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ I have to communicate to the House the Message from His Excellency the Governor, dated 19th October 1927, which is as follows :

‘ In response to the address presented at the meeting of the Madras Legislative Council on the 23rd August, endeavour will be made to allot a greater number of days than heretofore for the transaction of non-official business, but I desire to point out to the hon. Members of the Council that whether this will be practicable will depend upon the progress made in the disposal of official business which must be given precedence.’

Amendments to Standing Orders Nos. 19, 26, 39 and 49.^a

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ The next item is Amendments to Standing Orders, notice of which was given by Mr. J. A. Saldanha. The hon. Member not being in his place, they shall be deemed to have been withdrawn.”

III

MOTIONS ON MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC INTEREST.

TOTAL PROHIBITION IN FIVE YEARS.

* Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO :—“ Mr. President, Sir, I beg leave to move this resolution namely,—

‘ This Council recommends to the Government that total prohibition of drink in the Madras Presidency within the course of five years be declared to be their goal and that they do select immediately five districts in the Presidency and take all necessary measures to stop all importation, manufacture, sale and drink of all intoxicating liquors within the districts so selected.’

“ Sir, this resolution apparently is one of far-reaching importance both from the point of view of the people as well as from the point of view of the Government. No doubt, at the outset, I may expect sympathy from all hands so far as the question of prohibition is concerned. That sympathy can be easily shown to me even in a manner which cannot be easily acted upon or depended upon by the people. The sympathy of the Government has been exhibited from the beginning when they first of all took interest in the matter of prohibiting the drink itself. The drink problem came into the hands of the Government so early as 1852, when they thought that they should somehow or other have a control over the people who resort to this evil practice, and so they began to legislate upon this question. As they began to legislate, they thought that legislation must take the form of getting some sort of revenue. The only excuse they put forward for getting a revenue out of this evil was that it would deter the persons who resort to this evil practice. But practically they have very freely taken advantage of it. On the other hand, I shall be able to convince this House that the evil has increased, and we see to-day that there are numberless votaries to this evil on account of the policy that has been pursued all along by the Government itself. The apparent declaration of the Government is that they want to put down drink. On the other hand, they have been, by their own acts and by the rules that have been framed under the Excoise Act, directly, I should say, encouraging drink, instead of putting down the evil altogether. It is only due entirely to the feeling that somehow or other the revenue ought

^aAn item adjourned from the list of Business for 20th October 1927.